

# National Hunting and Fishing Day Booklist

No matter how modern our world, there's something in humanity that resonates with survival and the hunt. Whether your interest is in personal narratives, coming-of-age stories, or tips and tricks for your own hunting and survival, these titles will take you back to the wild without needing to leave your house. Need an OverDrive account? Sign up through the [Navy MWR Digital Library website](#).

## Hunting the Hunters

*The Tiger*, John Vaillant. ([audiobook, OverDrive](#)); ([e-book, OverDrive](#)) The true story of a team of trackers pursuing a vengeful man-eating tiger through the freezing forests of Far Eastern Russia in 1997.

## Fiction and Miscellaneous

*Goat Mountain*, David Vann. ([audiobook, OverDrive](#)) California, 1978. A boy of 11 on his first hunt takes and makes the wrong shot. Now he and his hunting party need to figure out what to do about an unplanned, but not entirely accidental, murder.

*Hatchet* series, Gary Paulsen. ([audiobooks and e-books, OverDrive](#)) It all began with a teenage boy alone in the Canadian wilderness with no tool but a hatchet. After his ill-fated return with a government observer in *The River*, the “what if he hadn’t been rescued” scenario of *Brian’s Winter*, Paulsen had intended to conclude the series with *Brian’s Return* – but even the author couldn’t keep Brian out of the wilderness.

*There Will Be Bears*, Ryan Gebhart. ([e-book, OverDrive](#)) Thirteen-year-old Tyson and his grandfather aren’t going to let little things like Grandpa Gene’s kidney disease, Tyson’s parents’ orders, or rumors of a killer grizzly keep them from Tyson’s first elk hunt. It’s just one hunting trip miles away from anyone – what could possibly go wrong?

*Wild*. ([audiobook, OverDrive](#)) A collection of stories and novel excerpts about dangerous survival experiences.

*Wild Boy*, James Lincoln Collier. ([audiobook, OverDrive](#)) A twelve-year-old runaway on the American frontier learns to survive in the wilderness on his own skills.

## Memoirs and Personal Accounts

*A Look at Life from a Deer Stand*, Steve Chapman. ([e-book, OverDrive](#)) An outdoorsman’s stories of times when hunting for deer brought him closer to God.

*Father Water, Mother Woods: Essays on Hunting and Fishing in the North Woods*, Gary Paulsen. ([e-book, OverDrive](#)) The author of *Hatchet* shares adventures in wilderness survival that prepared him to write his most famous titles.

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*Girl Hunter: Revolutionizing the Way We Eat, One Hunt at a Time*; Georgia Pellegrini. ([audiobook](#), [OverDrive](#)); ([e-book](#), [OverDrive](#)) Part memoir, part examination of where we get our food, part cookbook by a New York chef turned hunter.

*Meat Eater: Adventures from the Life of an American Hunter*, Steven Rinella. ([e-book](#), [OverDrive](#)) An avid hunter and nature enthusiast shares stories of hunting from childhood onward, with forays into the history of hunting, thoughts on the relationship between humanity and the hunt, and even some notes on cooking.

*The Way Out*, Craig Childs. ([e-book](#), [OverDrive](#)) A naturalist lost in a barren labyrinth of canyons in the American Southwest discusses how he and a friend survived for two weeks before finding their way home.

*The Wild Muir*, Lee Stetson. ([e-book](#), [OverDrive](#)) A collection of survival stories from the renowned outdoorsman.

## **Tips and Tricks**

*Edible Wild Plants*, John Callas. ([e-book](#), [OverDrive](#)) A guide to the harvesting and preparation of edible wild plants.

*Guide to Wild Foods and Useful Plants*, Christopher Nyerges. ([e-book](#), [OverDrive](#)) A guide to finding and recognizing edible plants, their growth cycles and their uses in food and medicine. Includes recipes.

*How to Stay Alive in the Woods: A Complete Guide to Food, Shelter and Self-Preservation Anywhere*, Bradford Angier. ([e-book](#), [OverDrive](#)) A guide to outdoor survival, including edible plants, game-catching for the unarmed, shelter construction, methods of signaling for help and more.

*Pocket Guide to Field Dressing, Cooking and Butchering Deer*, Monte and Joan Burch. ([e-book](#), [OverDrive](#))

*SAS Survival Handbook*, John "Lofty" Wiseman. ([e-book](#), [OverDrive](#)) Survival skills, food, water, handling disasters, and even a discussion of urban survival.

*Wild Fruit*, Alain Geneve. ([e-book](#), [OverDrive](#)) A guide to the edible fruits growing in the wild in Britain and Northern Europe.

*Wild Spring Plant Foods*, Foxfire Americana Library. ([e-book](#), [OverDrive](#)) A guide to the edible plants of Appalachia and similar climates in the spring.

*Wild Summer and Fall Plant Foods*, Foxfire Americana Library. ([e-book](#), [OverDrive](#)) A guide to the edible plants of Appalachia and similar climates in the summer and fall.

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